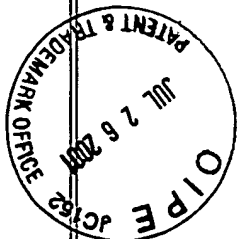


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RECEPTOR FOR HIV
RETROVIRUSES, THERAPEUTIC
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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e)**

Prior to the examination of this continuation application, Applicants request that
the Office amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

After page 194, please insert the enclosed abstract page which reads:

This invention provides a protein complex receptor for HIV
retroviruses, namely the "V3 loop HIV receptor", which
consists of three associated proteins: P95/nucleolin,
P40/PHAPII, and P30/PHAPI. The receptor binds to the
envelope protein of the HIV virus, specifically to the V3 loop
of the envelope protein.

REMARKS

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, requesting an
abstract in this application, Applicants have submitted an abstract describing the

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